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20. An image reader according to Claim 19, wherein said holding member has either a bearing or a shaft which engages with said shaft or said bearing of said housing.

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/203,510 filed December 1, 1998, which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,285,441.

Claims 11-20 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-10 have been canceled without prejudice. New Claims 11-20 have been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 11, 15 and 17 are in independent form.

Entry of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration is earnestly requested.

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